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This was before Martin dreamed,
before panthers stalked,
before fire spoke eloquently
like our trumpeters.

Gardenias, trains, cannonballs,
anything we needed
they became.
They were wizards.
We were in love and trouble.
We wanted salt peanuts,
pennies from heaven,
a love supreme,
a love supreme.

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